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SHANSI STILL FIGHTING.

ALARM IN PEKING.

FENGTIEN GUNS & MONEY.

MILLION DOLLARS FOR CITY.

Peking is still said to be alarmed over the developments in the region within fifty miles south of the city, in which the defence against Shansi rover columns has been "wobbly." Shansi is not yet beaten.

Fengtien, however, claims to be winning on the two major sectors, one of which (the southern) is cut off from Peking by operations in the danger zone further north, nearer Peking.

A reward of \$1,000,000 has been offered for the capture of Taiyuan, Shansi's capital.

Nationalist reinforcements are advancing north and Sun Chuan-fang is retiring.

CHOCHOW SHELLED.

Reading between the lines of despatches to hand overnight, it is apparent that danger to Peking has not been relieved.

Operations between the Fengtien defenders and the Shansi rover units, on that part of the Peking-Hankow Railway from Peking to 50 miles southwards, have not ceased.

As already explained in the "China Mail," the Shansi mobile columns—while their main army was falling back, southwards—wheeled northwards and outflanked the Fengtien forces, striking at their rear in a number of thrusts along branch lines of the Peking-Hankow Railway.

Shansi Firmly Entrenched.

In spite of this danger to their long line of communications along the railway, Fengtien claims to have made further progress on the principal front of the southern sector.

A Chinese cable from Peking says that the Shansi main army is entrenched in a line running from north to south, parallel with the Peking-Hankow Railway and astride the Shansi Railway which forms the connection with Taiyuan, the capital of Shansi.

Prize of \$1,000,000.

Fengtien admits that the Shansi forces are in a very strong position along this line and that they will be hard to dislodge.

Another cable, which may be connected with the foregoing, quotes the Fengtien leaders as offering \$1,000,000 as a reward to the divisions succeeding in capturing Taiyuan which is at least 130 miles behind the line where Fengtien says the Shansi army is making a determined stand.

6 INCH MORTARS.

Fengtien's Big Guns Brought to Danger Zone.

Fighting in the danger zone (a radius of 50 miles south of Peking) has been severe.

A Fengtien despatch throws light on the desperate struggle for Chochow, a city 45 miles south of Peking, with a population of about 160,000.

After ejecting the Shansi plainclothes men, the Fengtien garrison left on the approach of a strong Shansi rover column supported by artillery.

A Third of City Destroyed.

Strong Fengtien reinforcements were brought up to force the issue. It is not known whether the reinforcements came from the main front to the south, or were sent out by Peking from the north.

Fengtien shelled three of Chochow's three gates, and one observer says that 160 millimetre field guns and 6 inch mortars were used in addition to smaller guns. Refugees from the city say that a third of the houses have been destroyed.

According to Fengtien's version, the Shansi rovers replied with their guns but were forced to retire westwards.

The Northern Sector.

Intelligence from Peking is that the railway track in the danger zone is being repaired. Damage to parts further south, where the main strength first faced each other, has also been made good.

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LAWN BOWLS.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club Beaten.

SHANGHAI'S "POSSIBLE."

Club's Flattering Start Not Sustained.

[By "Short Head".]

In Kowloon yesterday there was a hopeful feeling that the Bowling Green Club would emulate the example of their offsprings, the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, and just get ahead of a Shanghai four. The local Club included three ex-importers in their team in Farrell, Holland and Russell (Skip), besides Muir, in ex-runner-up in the Open Singles Championship of the Colony. The visiting four comprised Malcolm, No. 1, Richards, No. 2, Brierley, No. 3, and Aitkenhead, skip.

There was a fair attendance of bowlers from all over the Colony when the game started shortly after three o'clock, and their number was augmented later in the afternoon. Excellent arrangements had been made for the match, although the chairs along one side of the green might have been placed to avoid the strong glare of the sun.

The green itself was in the best condition I have seen it this season. It may be recalled that at the beginning of the League games both greens were in rather a bad way, and after one had to be overhauled the other was given a similar treatment. By dint of hard work Mr. R. Duncan, who is once more supervising this important detail, provided a very fast green yesterday, more in keeping with the Shanghai greens than any that the visitors have yet played upon, the Kowloon Dock green not excepted.

Points on the Game.

First blood went to the Bowling Green after good work by Farrell, Richards, Muir, and Holland. Malcolm, and Farrell then started a regular duel which was sustained for about half a dozen heads. In the second head, however, Holland got shot, only to be beaten by Brierley and it was left to Russell to trail the jack for a couple. The third head was burned by Russell when Shanghai lay probably one, and in the replay good shots were sent up by Farrell, Malcolm, Brierley, and Russell, the latter saving a couple with his last wood.

The first good shot in the next head came from Farrell, who was rested out by Malcolm but the eventual counter was put in by Muir, and Russell added another. Malcolm next sent up a couple of woods in front, only for Muir to roll in between them for shot, but Brierley came away with a "bobby dazzler" and Russell tipped in another for the visitors probably because he felt in generous mood at the moment! Aitkenhead was the hero of the next head, getting there with his last wood. The next head was of no account save for the fact that the only bowlers were on the Shanghai side, but the position was just reversed in the succeeding head. Good work was next done by Malcolm, Brierley and Aitkenhead, the latter getting a couple out of four shots for his side. Shanghai again lay in the following head, but Russell again saved by taking the jack and giving his side a couple.

Ironsides Help Canton.

Commander Hu Chien has been displaced by the Ironsides as defence commissioner of Waichow.

It was alleged some time ago that Canton doubted his full obedience.

This is not the first instance of the Ironsides taking action to increase the authority of Canton and can be construed as further evidence of harmony between the various factions.

Native Shipping Suspended.

Observers are of the opinion that, although there are four "big" generals at Canton, there is sufficient territory and scope for all.

Hence there will be no need for them to clash and it will be to their joint interests to keep down minor, dissatisfied elements, and preserve order.

Native shipping on the East

River is reported as suspended to avoid requisition by either side in the incident at Waichow city, which stands on the banks of the East River.

In connection with command

of craft elsewhere, the owners' guild intends to protest to the Government.

Swatow Chances.

Swatow, yesterday.

Further small changes in the

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MORE TROOPS.

New Arrivals At Canton.

FROM SWATOW FRONT.

Four Different Armed Forces Now in The City.

Canton, Yesterday.

General Chang Tsung-chang, the pro-Fengtien tuan of Shantung province, has demanded payment to him of \$60,000 by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation out of the Salt Gabelle's deposits.

The demand has not been complied with.

Although the situation is quiet, uneasiness is felt over the consequences of Chang Tsung-chang's failure to obtain the funds.

The local Commander of the Chinese Navy, who administers martial law at Chefoo, has already received \$60,000 from the Chinese banks for the Shantung Government.

The demand at the Hong Kong Bank was made after the payment by the Chinese banks.

British Naval Wireless.

(Note: The troops arriving at Canton are under General Wong Shiu-hung, governor of Kwangsi province and an ally of General Li Chai-sum of Canton. They have come back from Swatow and the East River basin, ostensibly on their way back to Kwangsi, via the West River.)

NO TROUBLE.

Why All the Generals Are Agreeing.

No trouble is expected in Canton even though troops of four general are in the city. Harmony still exists between General Li Chai-sum (commander-in-chief), General Wong Shiu-hung of Kwangsi, General Chang Fah-hui of the Ironsides, and General Li Fook-lun of Honan.

The new "temporary" was council at Canton is to centralise military power and the headquarters of the 8th Route (Li Chai-sum) and 2nd Front (Chang Fah-hui) may be abolished to pave the way towards amalgamation.

1,000 Gunners Arrived.

After having concentrated his men at Canton, General Wong Shiu-hung again announces that he will march back to Kwangsi forthwith, taking his army with him.

Units of the 9th and 4th brigades under Wong Shiu-hung have arrived from the North River and are quartered at Wongsha and elsewhere.

More Ironsides have arrived in Canton from the North, by the Canton-Hankow Railway. These comprise the 1st artillery brigade (over 1,000 "strong") with ten field guns and a company of engineers.

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DEMAND ON BANK.

Shantung Tuan And Salt Funds.

NO NEWS LOCALLY.

Request To H. & S. Chefoo Bank For \$60,000.

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Another Report.

London, Yesterday.

The British cruiser "Vindictive" arrived at Chefoo yesterday morning to afford protection should necessity arise, to the local branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, which the Shantung authorities threatened to raid if the balance of the salt revenue deposited there was not handed to them before Monday.

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E. V. JESSEN,
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Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 13th October, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, 22nd Day of October, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th OCTOBER to the 22nd OCTOBER, 1927, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors J. D. THOMSON, Acting Secretary. Hong Kong, 6th October, 1927.



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By Order,

G. F. HOLE,
Harbour Master.
Hong Kong, 18th October, 1927.

FANLING HUNT STEEPELECHASES.

NOTICE.

ON Account of the Reconstruction of the Taipo Bridge not having been completed, the AUTUMN MEETING of the FANLING HUNT will be held on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd. Hong Kong, 18th October, 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

RAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 5th November, 1927 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 25th October 1927. Hong Kong, 17th October, 1927.

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NOTICE.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hong Kong Club Annex, on SATURDAY, 29th October, 1927, at 12.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th October, 1927.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

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GUNBOAT STANDING BY.

News was received in the Colony this morning that the s.s. "Kwong Tung," on the Hong Kong—Canton run, had run aground seven or eight miles down the front reach above Whampoa on its way to Canton.

The grounding occurred about 6 a.m. yesterday, the "Kwong Tung" having left Hong Kong at midnight.

Skippers of incoming steamers report that a Chinese gunboat is standing by to render assistance if necessary, although it is thought that little damage, if any, has been sustained.

The "Kwong Tung," although Chinese owned, flies the British flag. The owners are the Yuen On Steamship Company.

HARBOUR DREDGING.

The following notice to mariners has been issued by the Harbour Master, under date October 18, relative to the movement of vessels in the harbour, while the dredger is working:

It is hereby notified that under authority conferred by Section 22 of Ordinance 10 of 1899 vessels are prohibited from passing between the dredger working off Kowloon Point and the four buoys laid to the westward of her over line approximately 600 yards long. These buoys are marked by day by a red flag, by night by a red light.

HARBOUR BUOY SUNK.

Owing to a temporary hanging up of the ship's engines, the s.s. "Leungshan" was temporary out of control on berthing at the Canton wharf yesterday. The anchor of the Canton steamer fouled the buoy of the steam launch "Victoria" with the result that the buoy was sunk. Craft from Taihoo were engaged during the afternoon in lifting the anchor to clear the moorings.

Two sampans which were lying at the Praya wall were also slightly crushed by the "Leungshan," minor damage being done.

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Fook Sang (1,987) British, from Singapore—Jardine's—178 passengers, 1,050 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 772 tons general (through).

Philocetes (7,117) British, from Shanghai—B. & S.—1 passenger, 6 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 8,000 tons general (through).

Cheong Shing (1,256) British, from Canton—B. & S.—94 passengers, 180 tons general cargo (through).

Hydrangea (561) British, from Swatow—Chin On Co.—508 passengers, 110 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Esquiline (5,855) Italian, from Shanghai—Doddwell & Co.—passengers, 30 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,800 tons general (through).

Olderkerk (4,568) Dutch, from Manila—J. C. J. L.—12 passengers, 796 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,500 tons general (through).

Tsitsondari (5,019) Dutch, from Shanghai, Keelung—J. C. J. L.—12 passengers, 160 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,500 tons general (through).

Kremer (2,755) Dutch, from Singapore—J. C. J. L.—1,890 passengers, 285 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 107 tons general (through).

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Damto (1,430) Norwegian, from Canton—Doddwell & Co.—12 passengers, 700 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,000 tons general (through).

Hermelin (1,164) Norwegian, from Kohsichang—Thoresen & Co.—16 passengers, 2,557 tons rice and general cargo for Hong Kong.

Aki Maru (3,672) Japanese, from Nagasaki—N. Y. K.—302 passengers, 6,343 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,257 tons general (through).

Tamba Maru (3,554) Japanese, from Shanghai—N. Y. K.—65 passengers, 370 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,686 tons general (through).

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MOREA	10,953	9th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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The national shipping of Finland at present is in the same position as that of Sweden at the close of the last century. The Finnish flag, which during the sailing ship period often appeared in American, East Indian and other Eastern waters, is now very seldom seen there. Apart from about fifty steamers and sailers in the tramp service and the five steamers which belong to the Finland-South American Line which was started last year, the country has no ships which could be placed in the liner service in waters outside Europe.

The above statement is made by the Helsingfors correspondent of "Göteborgs Handels och Sjöfartstidning," who says that what the country needs for its growing trade outside Europe is assistance from abroad. It is calculated that Finnish exporters and importers pay annually to foreign shipowners a sum of 800,000,000 Finnish marks in the form of freight. But in Finland there is not to be found either capital or enterprise to bring the merchant fleet up to the level of the foreign trade. Moreover, interest in shipping until recent times at least has been quite feeble, and the Government and the Riksdag have also adopted an indifferent attitude towards shipping except in the case of icebreakers for the maintenance of winter navigation.

It seems, however, as if the country is now about to tackle the situation. There is a proposal to create a ship loan fund with an initial amount of 100,000,000 Finnish marks after the pattern of Sweden, and the Government will lay the scheme before the Riksdag during the month. That interest in shipping is increasing is shown by the fact that a number of new undertakings have been formed this year and old ones extended. Plans also exist for the establishment of an export line from Finland, via the Suez Canal, to Chinese, South African, and Australian harbours.

At the head of the scheme is Mr. R. Mattsson, an Aland sailing ship owner whose company already owns three steamers of 8,000-10,000 deadweight tons, which have hitherto been in tramp service. The idea is now to acquire a fourth vessel and others is necessary. The undertaking would be directly a line for Finnish wood products, paper, cellulose, &c., and it is said that the Bank of Finland has given its support to the undertaking. The Finnish Consul in Shanghai, Mr. Wahamaki, is much interested in the scheme.

"We searched for him in small boats for a long time," said a member of the ship's crew to a "Daily Express" representative "but there was little hope of finding him alive, for the sea at Cape Verde is alive with sharks."

As bearing on the increasing interest in shipping the correspondent mentions that ten steamers have been acquired during the present year. These include the English Wren, of 8,500 deadweight tons, which was purchased by Mr. R. Mattsson, of Helsingfors; the Brussels, acquired by the Finnish Steamship Company from Oslo, of 1,900 deadweight tons; and the steamer Wellamo, of 2,000 gross register tons, purchased by the same company from Copenhagen. Further sailing ships have also been obtained during the year, showing that the interest in this branch is not yet dead.

Ship Building Too Dear.

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LUNATIC'S LEAP.

SEA INFESTED WITH
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A lunatic's leap overboard into a shark-infested sea after a struggle with another lunatic was a thrilling incident of the voyage from Australia of the P. & O. liner "Bendigo."

The "Bendigo," now in King Edward Dock, London, took on board three lunatics at Adelaide for repatriation to England, and they were placed in the starboard isolation ward.

When the "Bendigo" was rounding Cape Verde, in a calm sea, on August 26, one of the men—James Wilson, aged forty—who had been chatting with his companions in the isolation ward, was suddenly seized with a fit of restlessness. John McCormack, one of his companions, saw Wilson creeping towards the deck, and shouted, "Where are you going, Jim?"

Wilson shouted out "Home," and rushed on deck, pursued by McCormack. The two men struggled for a few seconds and then Wilson threw his opponent to the deck and took a flying leap into the sea.

The cry, "Man overboard," was raised, the liner stopped, and two boats were lowered, but no trace of the missing man was found.

"We searched for him in small boats for a long time," said a member of the ship's crew to a "Daily Express" representative "but there was little hope

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throughout the Commonwealth.

Time and again efforts were made to affiliate the Unions in Australia with the Third Internationale, but all were doomed to failure, because the more their objective was made clear the more did they put the more level-headed of the Labour leaders on their mettle.

And the latter would have none of Moscow or Moscow-inspired machinations against the working classes of Australia!

In Great Britain, too, the idea of "One Big Union," or Federation of Trade

Unions was the preponderating scheme of Communists for many a long day—until it was wrecked at the same time as was the general strike in May of last year.

Reverting to the position of the B.A.T. Company in Shanghai we can well believe that the labourers have no desire to strike. They are being intimidated to present and back demands which they realise will never be granted.

These demands were presented with the intention that they should not be granted. They were presented with the purpose of creating a deadlock, so that thousands of workers will be out of work, on the streets, discontented and ready for the agitator's whip. What is happening in Shanghai may well happen in other centres, but assuredly no British Company or firm will tolerate it for a moment.

Innovations.

Verily do new brooms sweep clean, though at times the results of their activities please not everyone. Our southern neighbour, the Straits Settlements, has taken unto itself a fresh Governor, one Sir Hugh Clifford, who has, according to the Press, of that part of the world, been sweeping with industry. Withal, he has displayed what the "Straits Times" terms a "happy knack of breaking away from the conventional." This delightful characteristic, we learn, was exemplified at a recent meeting of the Legislative Council when, for the first time in the history of the Colony (sic) a Governor had circulated his annual address and laid it upon the table without reading it to his members. In Singapore the innovation—as it would be anywhere else—was welcomed, particularly by the Unofficial members.

It saved time, for one thing, and down south some of the Unofficials journey from Penang to give up four days of their own work for the benefit of the Colony; others come from Malacca; and most are busy men engaged in commerce. Sir Hugh Clifford's speech, we are told, ran into upwards of twelve thousand words and would have taken more than an hour to read. Meanwhile all the members had been able to study the speech thoroughly. This, however, is not all of the good news. Another departure from the traditional was made by the acting Colonial Secre-

tary, whose printed address was also before the members, thus enabling them closely to follow the intricacies of a difficult Budget speech. The "Straits Times" comments: "Innovations such as these are undoubtedly conceived in the best interests of hon. members and tend to a closer study of local affairs." We agree.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RACING AT MACAO.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—As a close follower of the King of Sports for many years I have not yet failed to miss a single meeting in this Colony or in Macao. I have noted with keen interest how development is being carried out in both ports and more especially on the Macao Race Club which has been, in fact, making extensive improvements since the Inaugural Meeting.

The most notable point of the Macao Meeting is the appearance of the statement of tickets sold. The working of the dividends is also praiseworthy in comparison with Hong Kong whose dividend-boards are generally not written up before the first bell.

Another point is the expeditious manner in which tickets are paid. On several occasions in Hong Kong I had to wait some long while to cash my bets.

On the whole the races in Macao are keenly contested and I have to congratulate the racing authorities of Macao in encouraging that great sport which is paying backers in quite healthy returns.

I note that there are at present no Portuguese owners in Macao except H.E. the Governor, but indications point that before long a number will be making their names in flying colours.

Thanking you for your kind insertion.—Yours, etc.,

"BACCARAT."

Hong Kong, Oct. 19, 1927.

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Mr. Salisbury's "Quants" are old favourites in Hong Kong and it is rather surprising that there were not more present at the opening show of their present Theatre Royal season.

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"Oh Joy," which is being given again to-night, has plenty of "pep" in it and affords such favourites as Mr. Salisbury, Mr. Gordon Rennie and Mr. George Curzon with plenty of scope for their inimitable wit and their capacity for imbuing the audience with the same gaiety and enthusiasm as characterises the piece throughout.

There is little continuity about some of the pieces but the same might be said of all reviews. What one looks for is enough of a story to act as a peg on which to hang plenty of wit and humour, some good concerted and solo items and an infectious atmosphere of gaiety. "Oh Joy" fulfils these requirements in all respect and can be recommended as affording an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

There are several new artifices in the company, including Mr. Dudley Page, who takes the part of the valet, Miss Frances Day, who takes the part of Lady Carter, Miss Fay Cole, who gives a vivacious impersonation of an actress in trouble with the Police, Miss Lucile Langdon, the sisters Miss Kathleen and Ida White, and Miss Julie Bransgorn.

Miss Ella Erskine needs no introduction to Hong Kong audiences and in "Oh Joy" she is as attractive a personality as ever.

Mr. Edmund Nash is a player of whom we are likely to see more in leading parts, and finally a word of praise is due to Mr. R. Laurence-Duval, the musical director, to whom much of the success of the items was due.

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A meeting of the Hong Kong University Medical Society will be held to-day at 6.15 p.m. in the School of Anatomy, when a paper will be read by Dr. Shu Fan Li, M.B., Ch. B., F.R.C.S., on "Recent Observations on Spinal Anesthesia under Novocain-Caffeine compound."

NEGLECTIVE DRIVING.

CHINESE CHAUFFEUR FINED.

A "BLIND" CORNER.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, the Chinese driver of private motor car No. 124 was fined for failing to sound his horn and negligent driving at the Tialamchung cutting on September 25 last.

According to the prosecution the cutting constituted a blind corner about three miles from Castle Peak, and was a very dangerous curve for motor vehicles. The defendant was alleged to have taken this corner at such a high speed that the car swerved to the centre of the road. This swerving on the part of the defendant was stated to have endangered the occupants of another car which was approaching the cutting in the opposite direction. Inspector Marks who was driving the other car, gave evidence to this effect at a previous hearing of the case, and the defendant professed ignorance of the incident.

Employer's Evidence.

Yesterday the defendant's master stated that on the day in question defendant drove him to Nantli in the New Territories in the afternoon. The return journey to Kowloon was begun between five and six o'clock in the evening, and he (witness) could not remember anything untoward happening at the cutting on that trip. He also did not hear any shouting or see anyone hold up his hand. The defendant had been in the witness's employ for three years and during that time had not been involved in any accident.

Having ascertained from the witness that he caught the 7.20 p.m. ferry to Hong Kong, Inspector Marks pointed out to the Magistrate that if the car had left the New Territories at 6 o'clock and arrived at Kowloon in time for the master to catch the 7.20 ferry, it must have been travelling very fast.

Mr. Schofield convicted and defendant was fined \$5 for failing to sound his horn, and \$20 for negligent driving.

IN THE NEWS.

ITEMS FROM TO-DAY'S POLICE REPORTS.

Mr. G. W. Drollet of No. 24, Conduit Road has made a report to the police that some time during the past six months while she was away in America, someone stole from a locked box at her local residence a quantity of silk worth \$300.

The manager of the Kwong Kwei shop of No. 6, Queen's Road Central has reported to the police that an employee of the shop absconded on Monday taking with him \$148 which he had collected in behalf of the firm.

A 50-year-old Chinese woman was yesterday taken to the Government Civil Hospital from No. 50, Tung Street suffering from scalds to her left leg and hand as the result of tripping while carrying a pot of boiling soup.

Found brandishing a knife outside No. 83, Yuenchau Street, Shamshui Po yesterday, a Chinese who was believed to be insane was taken into custody of the police and later removed to the Government Civil Hospital for observation.

A Chinese living at No. 592, Canton Road, Kowloon, yesterday attempted to commit suicide by jumping from the second floor verandah. He was very severely injured and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital where he is now in a serious condition.

Mr. D. L. King, manager of the China Provident, Loan, and Mortgage Company has reported to the police that some time between 5 p.m. on Monday and 3 p.m. yesterday, a thief entered his office the door of which was left open, and stole a desk fan, a clock and some clothing worth \$106.

A Chinese woman named Au Kwan, aged 61, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital from No. 18, Wing Fung Street, suffering from opium poisoning, and she died soon after admission. The police report states that it is a suspected case of suicide.

Mr. H. H. Scott, superintendent engineer at the Kowloon Dock reported to the police that a Chinese painter employed at the Dock was removed to the Kwang Wah Hospital at 10.30 yesterday morning suffering from severe injuries to his head and body received through a fall into the No. 1 Dock from a scaffolding on which he was working. The man died soon after admission to the hospital.

Another obliging Chinese woman had been victimised by a confidence trickster who induced her to part with jewellery worth \$100 in exchange for a bundle of supposed banknotes which she was requested to change for the man. As usual she found at the money changer's that the bundle contained waste paper, and when she returned to the place where the man had promised to wait for her, he was gone.

'PRAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Miss Phyllis was well in the Hunt for the harbour swim honour.

The burglar turned pale. He realised from the trophies and pictures in the room that he and his assistant had broken into the house of boxer.

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Little Girl (to Sunday school teacher): "Teacher, do new-born babies swear?"

"Why, of course not, dear," said the teacher.

"But the other day my friend said, 'Job cursed the day he was born.'"

The old offender addressed the Magistrate with pride and confidence.

"Your worship," he said, "I should like to have my case postponed for a week. My lawyer is ill."

"But you were captured with your hand in this gentleman's pocket. What can your lawyer say in your defence?"

"That's just what I'm anxious to know, your worship."

"Your husband will be all right now," said the doctor to a woman whose husband was dangerously ill.

"What do you mean?" demanded the woman. "You told me he wouldn't live a fortnight."

"Well, I'm going to save him after all," said the doctor. "Surely you are glad?"

The woman wrinkled her brows. "Puts me in a bit of 'ole," she said, "I've been and sold 'is clothes."

"I've come to see a man, who called me a rhinoceros two years ago."

"Two years ago! But why didn't you sue before?"

"Because I saw a rhinoceros for the first time yesterday."

First Young Wife—When my man gets bad-tempered I use a club. Second Ditto—How brutal of you! But surely you don't mean it!

First Young Wife—Yes, I do. I've joined three already.

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CHINA NEWS.

(Continued from page 1.)

General Cheng Chien, as chairman of the Nationalist war council at Nanking and director of operations against the North, troops of the 6th Army have left for down-river.

General Chu Pei-teh, who commands the 3rd Nationalist Army, accompanied by bodyguards, left Kuklung for Nanking on board a British steamer.

Communists Shot.

Of twelve alleged Communist agitators in custody here, five have been executed by the authorities and seven are under trial.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Kuklung, the port of Kiangsi province, is 252 miles above Nanking and 142 miles below Hankow. The port and surrounding territory is controlled by units of the 3rd and 6th Armies which support the Wu-Han faction of the Nationalist Party.]

Ichang Incident.

Ichang, Yesterday. When requested by the skipper, a batch of armed Chinese guards immediately withdrew from a British steamer which they had attempted to board here with the declared object of searching the vessel for bandits.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Ichang, 370 miles above Hankow, is also within the Han scope.]

Still Quarrelling?

Although the Nationalists are supposed to have patched up their quarrels prior to embarking on another offensive against the north, friction is still reported.

The "Hong Kong Evening Post" says that troops of the 36th Army under General Liu Hsing have been moving across country from Wu-hu (55 miles above Nanking) and Tatung (117 miles above Nanking) eastwards, possibly to invade Chekiang province, which is held by the Nanking faction.

Wu-Han Appointment.

The 36th Army is under General Tang Seng-chi, commander-in-chief of Wu-Han.

The "Kung Shueung Yat Po" reports the appointment of the Wu-Han branch of the Nationalist political council, of General Ho Chien (36th Army) has military commissioner of Anhui province. The 35th Army is also under Wu-Han.

Fukien for Chiang?

Shanghai, Yesterday. General Chen Ming-shu, a staunch supporter of Chiang Kai-shek, has been appointed Defence



General Chen Ming-shu, a supporter of Chiang Kai-shek, who has been asked to take charge of Fukien.

Commissioner of Fukien province. Prior to his arrival, the military command will be held by Chiang Chang-nai who recently captured Foochow.

The appointment is made by the Fukien Government.—"Kung Shueung Yat Po."

[Note: General Chen Ming-shu lost his appointment at Hankow when Chiang Kai-shek quarrelled with the Wu-Han faction.]

SHANGHAI LABOUR.

B.A.T. Launch Crew Intimidated.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

All is quiet here except for an attack made by union men on a B.A.T. launch in order to intimidate the Chinese crew, which has now gone on strike.—British Naval Wireless.

NO KNOWLEDGE.

S. AFRICAN OIL TRADE RUMOUR.

Cape Town, Yesterday. The Chairman of the Board of Trade denies all knowledge of a Government decision to establish an oil refinery, as cabled yesterday.

FLIGHT HELD UP.

Bangkok, Yesterday. Koppa damaged his under carriage in landing at Donhuang and will be unable for several days to resume his flight.—Reuter.

POLAND'S LOAN.

TWO MILLION ISSUED IN LONDON.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

London, Yesterday. A prospectus is published today of the Polish seven per cent. Stabilisation Loan, two million pounds of which in sterling bonds is offered for subscription in Britain at 92 per cent. The balance is being issued in New York and on the Continent.

The object of the loan is to consolidate the condition of monetary stability and budgetary equilibrium, which the Polish Government has already achieved by its own efforts.

A comprehensive plan has been drawn up which follows in many respects the lines adopted by the League's Financial Committee in successful cases of financial reconstruction in central European countries. Inter alia, the scheme puts currency on a gold basis and sets up a new currency authority, namely the Bank of Poland, renews the whole of the floating debt, establishes a reserve for Treasury purposes and leaves a considerable sum for the further economic development of the country.—British Wireless Service.

HOME SPINNERS.

RESULT OF SHORT TIME BALLOT.

London, Yesterday.

The result of a ballot of members of the American Cotton Section of the Master Cotton Spinners' Federation on the sectionalisation of industry for short-time organisation purposes, was made known yesterday to a committee but has not been publicly announced. Unofficially, it is stated that those who voted for the proposal did not exceed 70 per cent.—Reuter.

Dissentients Interviewed.

London, Yesterday.

At a private meeting to-day of the joint committee of the Spinners' Federation and the Cotton Yarn Association, a small sub-committee was appointed to interview dissentients in the ballot and the abstainers, the latter comprising about 15 per cent. The committee then adjourned for a week.—Reuter.

SPANISH STRIKE.

COMPLETE STOPPAGE BY COAL WORKERS.

Madrid, Yesterday.

Miners in the Asturias region have struck, and are refusing to accept a reduction in wages, and an increase of hours, which mine-owners declare is indispensable owing to the under-selling of foreign coal. The stoppage is complete and General Primo de Rivera, in a note to the Press, says the Government will be forced to take steps to settle the dispute.—Reuter.

SHOW MARVELS.

LATTER TO SMOOTHER OIL FLAMES.

London, Sept. 8.

Wonder is piled on wonder at Olympia, where the Shipping, Engineering, and Machinery Exhibition will be opened to-day by the Duke of Northumberland.

Even the lay imagination must be stirred by the latest devices and inventions there.

"Look at that wire," said an official, pointing apparently to nothing in a pencil case. Actually there were fifty yards of fine wire in that case, wire only one-fifth the thickness of a human hair. It was steel wire so fine that cloth could be made of it.

The laryngophone is a telephone by which you listen through your neck. A "Daily Express" representative placed one end of the receiver to his ear and the other on his throat. He heard easily a speaker from another telephone.

Then the demonstrator turned on a noise like fifty steam whistles. It made little difference. The voice of the speaker at the other phone came through the din.

Throat Vibrations.

The sound is conveyed by the metallic throat vibrations of the speaker, who uses a similar device. It is a neck-to-neck talk.

There is a novel oil fire extinguisher.

Fires on board ships using oil or carrying it are extinguished by "foam," a kind of lather that is distributed over the flames and prevents oxygen from reaching them.

Suppose a petrol tank was on fire, with hundreds of thousands of gallons in it. The foam would cover the surface, extinguish the fire, and then sink through the liquid, and in twenty-four hours the petrol would be fit for use again.

There are presses which slice up steel plates like cutting cheese; wood-sewing, cutting, monster welding contrivances, and a mass of machinery that appears to be invested with almost human intelligence.

PLUCKY ACTION.

JUDGE CONGRATULATES A WITNESS.

FRUSTRATED ROBBERY.

The Chinese charged with complicity in an attempted robbery at Laichikok Road, Kowloon, stated in the course of evidence on his own behalf at the afternoon Criminal Sessions yesterday that he was not one of the gang which entered the house.

Regarding the knotted strips of cloth the Crown alleged were found in his possession, the prisoner stated that all he had on him was a certain amount of cotton waste which he alleged the Police had made into the form deposed to in order that it might be given the appearance of being used for gagging purposes.

Without retiring, the jury found the prisoner guilty and His Lordship (Sir H. C. Gollan, Chief Justice) sentenced him to eighteen months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Addressing the young man whose action in seizing the dagger from one of the would-be robbers and raising the alarm led to the apprehension of the prisoner, His Lordship congratulated him on his pluck and said that if everyone showed a little more courage when attacked there would not be so many cases of robbery in the Colony.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

PORTUGUESE COMPANY MEET RESULTS.

London, Yesterday.

The annual rifle shoot of the Portuguese Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps was held on Sunday at Stonecutters Range, the competitions taking place in conjunction with the firing of Part II. of the Musketry Course.

There were 44 competitors, who were classed as under:—One marksman, four first class shots, and 32 second class shots. Three men failed as marksmen by a very small margin.

The weather was fine, the light being good for the shooting.

The results were:—

Lulstano Club Cup (for the highest scorer throughout the Part II. Course, winner to hold the cup for 1 year and to receive a replica of same). Won by Pte. C. G. Silva, total score 92 points.

Runner-up Cup, represented by four privates, won by 2/Lt. S. Jarvis, M.C., total score 89 points (best points at the last range).

Runner-up Cup, for third place, presented by O/C. Company, won by Pte. F. A. M. Rosario, total score 89 points.

Team Competition won by Pte. C. G. Silva's team, consisting of Ptes. F. P. Sequeira, C. F. V. Rebeiro and J. C. Remedios.

200 yards Application.—Ptes. C. G. Silva and F. P. Sequeira, 19 points Max 20.

200 yards Snap Shooting.—Ptes. C. S. M. Rodrigues and C. G. Silva, 17 points Max 20.

200 yards Rapid Shooting.—Ptes. H. J. Silva and F. A. M. Rosario, 30 points Max 30.

500 yards Application.—Pte. C. G. Silva, 14 points Max 20. Hidden Number.—Pte. M. A. Silva.

LOCAL CHESS CLUB.

KOWLOON MEMBERS TO MEET TO-MORROW.

Members and others interested

are reminded that the annual meeting of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held at the Central British School, Nathan Road to-morrow evening at 5.45 p.m.

Since the Hong Kong Chess Club ceased to function the Kowloon Club has been the means of stimulating interest in the Royal game and for this reason alone the support of all chess enthusiasts is desirable. The annual subscription is \$5.

During the season the usual tournaments will be held while it is proposed this year to run periodical competitions for members. Arrangements will be made immediately the Club opens to hold the Open Championship tournament which will be followed by the Club Championship.

UNCLAIMED PRIZES.

We have been asked to state that the following numbers: 47, 124, 147, 244, 261, 332, 405 and 421, in the Hidden Treasure competition at the Police Stall at the Fun Fair in the Lee Gardens on October 1 have not been claimed. The prize money, totalling \$12, due to these tickets have been paid to the Hon. Treasurer of the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League.

POLICE DANCE.

A Police dance will be held in the gymnasium at Police Headquarters at 8.30 p.m. to-morrow. The "Lyric" Orchestra will be in attendance.

ALLEGED BRIBERY.

ALSO POSSESSION OF RAW OPIUM.

CHINESE CHARGED.

A Chinese named Yu Tak, a public motor car owner living at No. 31, Shantung Street, Mongkok, was yesterday before Mr. W. Schonfeld at the Kowloon Magistrate charged with the unlawful possession of 300 taels of raw non-Government opium worth \$1,200, and with offering a bribe of \$100 to a policeman who effected his arrest.

Police Sub-Inspector R. C. Watt conducted the prosecution, and the accused was defended by Mr. H. Lo.

The case for the prosecution was that the accused's car was stopped at Unlong, in the New Territories, and the illicit opium was found in a basket in the rear of the car.

On the way to the police station, the accused was alleged to have offered a bribe to the policeman who had made the seizure of the opium, to let the accused go. Accused was stated to have suggested to the policeman that he should take the opium to the station as unclaimed contraband.

A Denial. The defence as outlined by Mr. Lo was that the accused was never in possession of the basket containing the opium, and he did not offer a bribe to the policeman.

Explaining the accused's position, Mr. Lo said that the accused's car (No. 383) was used for the purpose of carrying passengers from Mongkok to Unlong. On the day in question (September 22) the accused was preparing his car at 6 a.m., for the day's work when he was approached by two men who asked him to drive them to Unlong.

On the way out, the car picked up a Chinese woman who was also bound for Unlong. Detained. On arrival at Unlong, the three passengers left the car, one of the men who had been seated in the back seat carrying away with him a basket similar to the one which was found to contain the opium. The two men hurriedly entered a shop and were followed by the police. Not suspecting anything the accused parked his vehicle between two trees, and like an innocent man, remained in the car.

Presently the police came out of the shop, an Indian Sergeant carrying a basket. The police approached the car and questioned accused. He was then ordered to drive to the police station.

Between two trees, and like an innocent man, remained in the car. After the accused had given evidence corroborating Counsel's statement, the case was adjourned until Friday next.

BEHIND THE FRONT.

WALLACE BEERY STARRING AT THE QUEEN'S.

"Behind the Front," now showing at the Queen's Theatre, is a picture that should be seen by all who would like a good, honest laugh, one that will last a long while. It stars Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton, the former as a new-born detective and the latter as the crook who "lifts" Beery's watch. A dramatic chase is interrupted and both join the Army, to become firm friends whilst in France. Both have been roped-in by a lovable miss, a part played by Mary Brian, and the newly-made soldiers go away with their hearts full of the girl. Their adventures at the front are vastly amusing, particularly when they carry on with the war after the Armistice has been signed.

Peace comes at last, and they rush home, each to claim the girl who got them to enlist. They find she is just being married to a stay-at-home who has dodged the war on account of his indispensability as a biscuit maker. They "beat up" the bridegroom and vow eternal friendship. At that moment Hatton pulls out the watch he had appropriated the day he joined the Army. Beery recognises it, and then the fun starts! A splendid film. As also is the Mack Sennett comedy, "He Who Gets Smacked," which together with an International newsreel, makes up the programme.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Mosquitoes have been so troublesome in one of the Austrian bathing resorts on the Danube that the local authorities are building a special tower to house a colony of 200,000 bats.

The Chekiang Industrial Bank is accepting notes issued by its Hankow office, this, it is understood, being the first institution to do this since friendly relations between Shanghai and Hankow were resumed.

The Bombay police raided the office of the "Indian National Herald," and confiscated the issue of February 2, containing an article on China, and a pamphlet issued by India and China, with a foreword by Mr. Saklatvala, M.P.

Messrs. Lammert Bros. are auctioning on Thursday, October 27, a large quantity of household furniture at 15, Humphreys' Buildings, Kowloon. On Tuesday, October 26, they will auction at their Sale Room in Duddell Street a quantity of office and household furniture, including some blackwood furniture, a piano player and two motor cycles.

Hong Kong estate to the value of \$83,200 was left by Ko Kal-Kai-cheung, late of Swatow, probate of whose will has been granted to Ko Yuk-yan, 10 Bonham Strand, and manager of the Electric Light Company, Swatow. The will directs that the estate be managed and controlled by Yuk-yan until the son, Yui-yan comes of age when the estate will be controlled between them.

A brave amah, who came to the rescue of her master, whilst the house at 39, Cumine Road, Shanghai, was being robbed by two men, one of whom carried a pistol, is now in hospital, suffering from gunshot wounds. The gang broke in and the resident tackled one of them. When the amah assisted him she was shot, whereupon the gang made off.

According to the Shanghai "Nippo," Bank of Communications notes from Hankow have been shipped to Shanghai, where the latter name has been substituted for the other. At noon on Wednesday, the native bankers and exchange shops decided not to accept these notes, it being believed that foreign banks have adopted a similar attitude. Meanwhile, the Bank of Communications is devising ways and means to restore public confidence in its note issue.

The American portion of the Polish loan has been largely over-subscribed.—Reuter.

At Hankow, a proportion of the Central Bank note issue has been cashed. The meeting of residents passed off quietly and resolutions of not a startling character were made.

A Chinese whose age was given as 53 was yesterday taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from the effects of opium poisoning, which was alleged to have been self-administered.

To fill the blank left by "L'Echo de Chine," another French newspaper to be known as the "Journal de Changhiai," will be published in Shanghai. Mr. M. J. Fonteney, correspondent of the Havas agency, has been appointed editor.

A message from Krefeld states that the Federation of Textile Employers has decided upon a lockout on the 29th instant, in order to forestall a declaration of a strike, which 60,000 members of the Ready-made Clothing Workers' Union were preparing.

As a result of family troubles, V. D. Balano, member of the Reserve Section of the Shanghai Municipal Police of the International Settlement, shot himself, after a quarrel with his wife, it is alleged, on the ground of dancing, says the "Shanghai Zarya."

A writer in a Singapore weekly paper, says the "Malay Mail," laments the lack of a suitable simile, except the hackneyed "pigeon eggs," for halostones. Surely he has heard of the Irish journalist who wrote that "halostones fell varying in size from a shilling to eighteen-pence."

Appearing at the Magistracy yesterday on bail of \$1 which was said to have been lent to her by the police, an aged Chinese woman who was charged with hawking without a licence, was recommended by the Magistrate to receive a free licence.

The report of the directors of the Bukit Jelutong Rubber Estates for the year ended May 31, 1927, states that the net profit for the year after deducting directors' fees and depreciation on buildings etc. was \$34,572.39, amount brought forward from last year \$10,834.02, balance available \$45,406.41. The directors recommend that this amount be dealt with as follows:—Pay a final dividend of 9 per cent, absorbing \$1,228.50, transfer to reserve account \$10,000, and carry forward to next account \$4,117.91.

The Shanghai Municipality (Chinese) has decided to censor "mosquito" newspapers for indecent articles, to take a census, and to revise regulations for employees' leave.

A Tokyo cable states that the recent visit to Kovno of the military attaché to the Japanese Legation in Warsaw is interpreted as signifying the establishment of a Japanese Legation for the Baltic states.

The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs is reported by the Chinese press to have lodged a protest with H.M. Consul-General, against the landing of troops at Pootung some days ago to protect the property of the British-American Tobacco Co., where trouble had occurred among the workers.

Students of archaeology in Canton have not yet lost faith in their fellow men and have suggested to the militarists in power that they should appropriate something like \$35,000 to repair the famous five-storyed pagoda north of Canton. Of course, they will not get the money. No one is able yet to say when the much-talked of Sun Yat-sen and Wu Ting-fang memorials will be started.

The Royal Asiatic Society (North China Branch) has arranged for the opening meeting of the session to be held to-morrow, at 5.30 p.m., in the lecture hall, 5, Museum Road, where the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Society will be commemorated. An address entitled—"Three Score Years and Ten," the story of the North China Branch, will be given by Mr. Isaac Mason, Vice-President of the Society, and the Chair will be occupied by Sir Sidney Barton, the President. The meeting will be open to the public.

An application on behalf of a bone-boiler for permission to use the first floor of No. 100 Apui Street for the purpose of storing bones was refused at the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday. The Chairman indicated that the applicant was in possession of an "offensive trade" licence in respect of bone boiling. As it was considered that such a business should be strictly confined to the ground floor, the Offensive Trades Standing Committee did not think it desirable to grant the application.—The only other public business before the Board was an application for the registration of No. 36 Nanking Street as a Dairy. This was granted.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Major C. D. Rawson has arrived in Peking from Shanghai to spend a few days sightseeing. Major Rawson is with the British Forces in Shanghai.

The following members of the Straits Settlements (Singapore) Association have been nominated for the vacancy on the Municipal Commission:—Messrs. F. S. Wood, W. P. D. Parsons, L. Stuart-Bell and Sefton Cullen.

Omar Rumjahi sprang a surprise on tennis players—and upon his younger brother, A. L. Rumjahi—the semi-finals of the Open Singles Championship, Tientsin, on Saturday week, when he defeated the titleholder 5, 7, 6-2, 9-7.

The Kajang, arriving from Borneo ports, brought as passengers to Singapore:—Messrs. E. E. F. Pretty, the British Resident of Brunei; R. L. King, J. P. Ager and McGowan, of Sarawak Oil Fields, Miri; and Wall, of Dunlop Plantations.

Mr. F. G. Penny, M.P., says a mail paper, is spending a happy and active vacation in the wilds of Scotland—stalking, sailing, shooting. The sea fishing near Tobermory has been excellent, break and pollock being very plentiful. He has shot his first stag after an adventurous stalk.

News has been received of the death in London of Mrs. Dominic D. Daly, the widow of Mr. D. D. Daly who was in the North Borneo Civil Service many years ago. He was Resident of Kudat and later of Mempakul when he took a leading part in the Padus Damit War. Mr. Daly died in Lakuan.

The death took place at the General Hospital after a short illness of Mr. E. A. G. Stuart, Director of Education, Kedah. The deceased came out in 1909 as assistant master at Kuala Kangsar Malay College. The body, in accordance with deceased's wishes, was conveyed to Alor Star where the burial took place.

Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews is making preparations for another trip into Inner Mongolia which will be of longer duration and penetrate further into the wilds than any previous ones. He will go as far as possible by motor car into the desert and has purchased a caravan of 150 camels which will carry the expedition over the difficulties of passes and regions where no motor car yet has been able to penetrate.

Mr. J. B. Drakeford, of Shanghai, is spending a few days in Peking.

Mr. A. Davies, of the Chartered Bank, has recently been transferred to Peking.

Admiral Saito, before rejoining his post as Governor-General of Korea, has had an audience

The death has occurred suddenly at his home in Sussex, of Captain A. E. C. Francis, who was in the service of the North Borneo Company for 20 years.

Madame Munter, the charming Danish singer, will sing a group of Danish songs at her first concert under the auspices of the Peking Institute of Fine Arts on November 2.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Carlos Jacinto Pintos, widower of the P.W.D., residing at the Peak Reservoir Station, to Mrs. Maria Foun, of the same address.

The engagement is announced and the wedding will take place shortly of Mr. Francis Masacrao, son of Mr. P.W.D., Johore, son of Mr. Theodorus Masacrao, of Kuala Gale, Ceylon, to Miss D. A. Mabel, sister of Mr. W. D. Reginald, chief clerk, Han Yang Estate, Seletar, and niece of Messrs. M. P. de Silva and A. D. A. Samaranayaka, of Kuala Lumpur, and Han Yang Estate, Seletar, respectively.

The King has given Mr. Arthur Herbert Duke, Director of the Assessed Revenue Department of the Siamese Ministry of Finance, authority to wear the insignia of the Second Class of the Order of the Crown of Siam, which decoration has been conferred on him by the King of Siam in recognition of valuable services. Mr. Duke was Adviser in Perils many years ago when that little State was under Siamese control.

Relations between Japan and Russia are very cordial, declared M. Bessarovsky, of the Soviet Embassy at Tokyo, when interviewed at Harbin. The forthcoming visit of Mr. Ujaku Akita to Moscow, he added, will also contribute a great deal toward the promotion of understanding between the two countries. Mr. Akita, a dramatist much in sympathy with the Japanese proletarian movement, will give a series of lectures on present-day Japanese literature.

According to the "Vaderland," Mr. Van Lear Black, who recently flew to the Dutch East Indies and back, has resumed his flights in a K.L.M. machine, with Geyserdorffer as pilot—first to Blarritz and further to London, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo. On September 24 he was to fly to Venice to be present at the race for the Schneider Cup. The two pilots and the expert mechanic will later be the guests of Mr. Van Lear Black on a trip to America.

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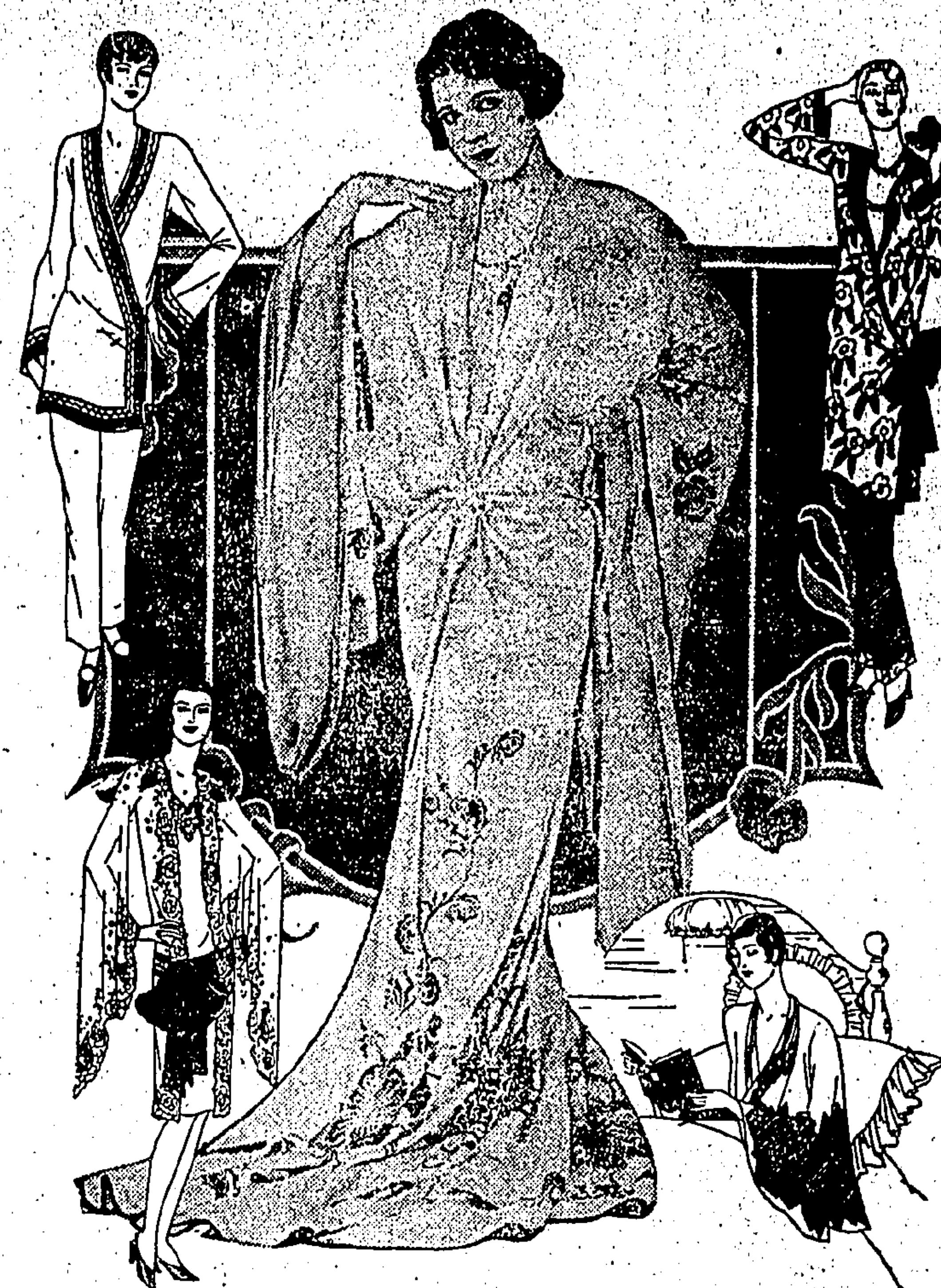
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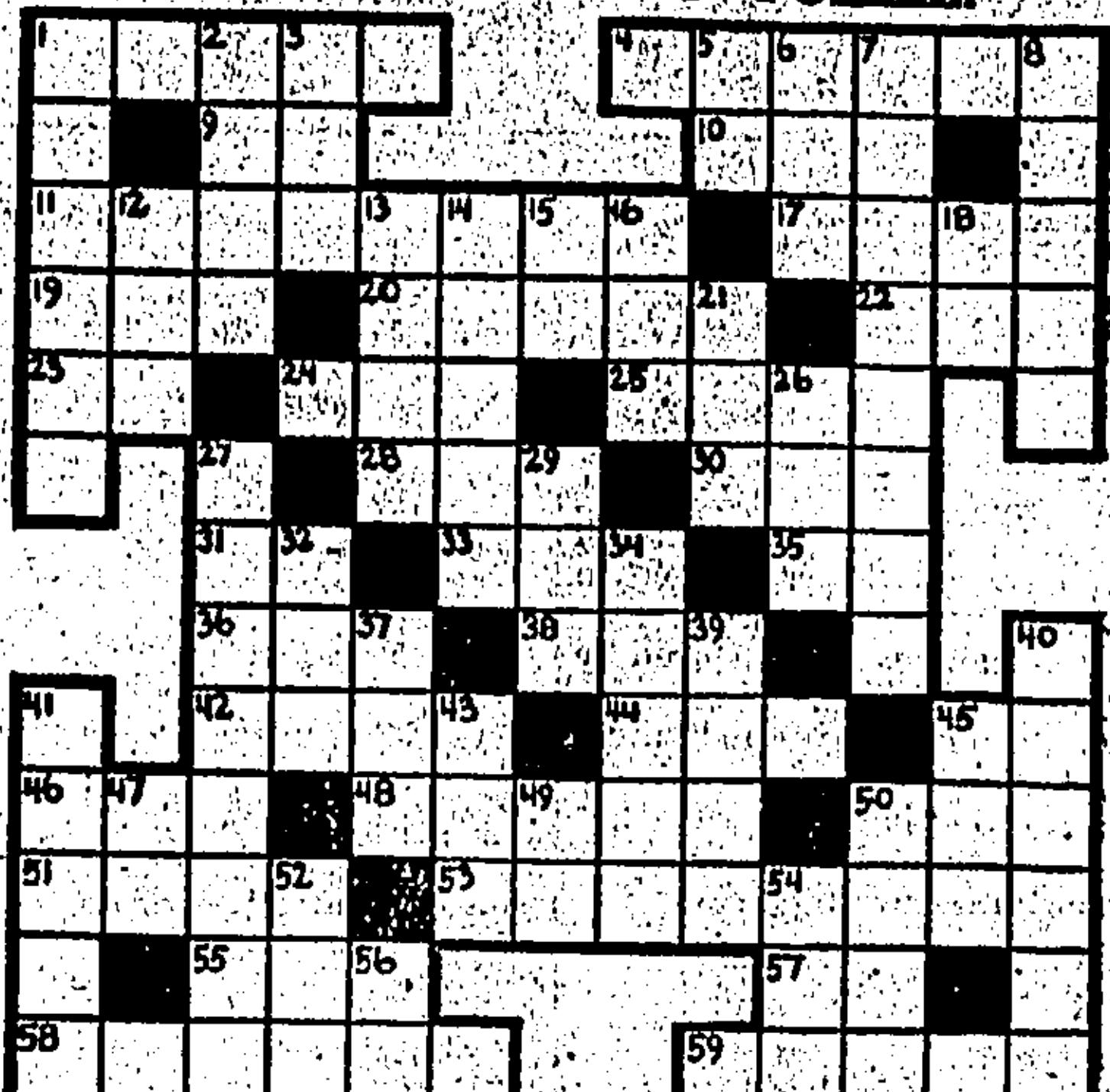
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BAD.

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NICE FIX
I'M IN NOW
WHAT A
FAKE
DOCTOR
HE IS.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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HORIZONTAL

1-What Italian poet
wrote the "Divina
Commedia"?

4-Who was the author
of "Paradise Lost"?

8-A maiden loved by
Jupiter.

10-A Chinese shrub

11-What English
poet wrote
"In Memoriam"?

17-Preface. Before

20-The same as "soiré"?

22-Ham.

23-Cape Horn is the
southern end of
which continent
(abbr.)

24-A kitchen utensil

25-A Persian fairy

29-To polish

30-The head
(humorous)

31-Ever.

33-A membranous
pouch

35-Clerk (abbr.)

36-A French coin

38-Part of a circle

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

48-Who wrote the great
French novel "Les
Misérables"?

51-Even (contr.)

52-What was the fabu-
lous bird in Sinbad
the Sailor's valley
of diamonds?

57-Intoxicating prepara-
tion of Indian
hemp?

58-Sheep's cry

59-Personal pronoun

60-A creed

67-Interaction. Disgust

68-A moral

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80-Girl's name

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for tantalum?

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The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.

the bottle upon your under things
or handkerchiefs; perfume applied
in this manner is not lasting and
when first applied it is overpowering
and unpleasant to those near
you.

Second: Never touch perfume to
your gown. In the first place it
may stain. In the second place, a
dauntingly gowned woman with too
much perfume defeats her purpose.
When putting away your perfume if
you have not used tufted bags.

These simple rules are the elemen-
tary in the art of perfuming. Per-
fume indirectly is much more last-
ing, infinitely more appealing and
more restful. It is always better
not to have enough scent about
you than to have too much. For
consideration of others in the mat-
ter of applying perfumery is as
good a rule here as in any other.

Use very little and only the best
kinds. Study the scent which best
suits your type. A little blonde wo-

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



man, with ringlets, bold eyes and a
child-like appearance would be an
entire contradiction to herself
should she use a heavy scent of
orchid.

Study yourself, your perfume.
Decide on that which suits you
best. Stick to it—and use little.

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CITY OF SHANGHAI.

CHINESE AND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

AMERICAN CRITIC'S VIEWPOINT.

"The Far Eastern Times" (Peking) features the concluding part of an article penned by Mr. Thomas F. Millard, and published in America, on "China's Revolution and History." Some of the paragraphs are interesting:

We have already witnessed some results and there may be other tragedies to report before foreigners are completely withdrawn from the interior. But there never will be agreement as to cause and effect of these events. A majority of foreigners at Shanghai point to what has happened elsewhere and say: "What or worse would have happened here if the troops and additional naval forces had not been sent?" Others, including many refugees from exposed places, say: "Was it really necessary to bring troops to protect Shanghai? Would not the forces usually available have been sufficient now, as they were on previous occasion? Except for this demonstration of force at Shanghai we might have remained un molested at our stations."

Consider Shanghai in detachment from the remainder of China. The importance of this place is indisputable. It is China's greatest seaport. It is by way of becoming for the time being, and perhaps indefinitely, a port entirely under foreign military control. Shanghai may determine, even may decide, policies of the United States, Great Britain, and Japan; whether there will be peace or war in Asia; whether the political and diplomatic hegemony of Europe, lost during the World War, will be revived to dominate, possibly, the Pacific Ocean Era.

After the events of May 30, 1925, the municipal authorities of the International Settlement were advised by the Diplomatic Body at Peking to make concessions calculated to placate local Chinese sentiment. Our city fathers were averse to that, but belief that the home governments would not support them in a standpat position caused the adoption of a conciliatory attitude.

After the agreements for renunciation of British concessions at Hangchow and Kukkiang were signed, the Chinese at Shanghai nominated a committee to negotiate with the Municipal Council for participation in administration of the Settlement; but by then troops had been ordered here and the Council felt safe in ignoring that overture. There was no election for councilors this year. It was privately arranged that only nine gentlemen could be nominated and, therefore, they were declared elected without balloting. There is no mention of Chinese representation on the Council. The only concession to China is a resolution to admit them to public parks in the Settlement and other problems to be discussed and settled by interested parties in the future.

DUTCH AIR SERVICE.

LIEUT. KUPPEN PASSES THROUGH SINGAPORE.

The "Straits Times" of October 10 reports:

The hum of an aeroplane yesterday afternoon announced the arrival of Lieut. Kuppen of the Royal Dutch Military Air Service, on his Holland-Java flight.

As stated in the "Straits Times," Dr. H. A. Plesman, director of the Royal Dutch Air Service, is in Batavia regarding the proposal to establish a Holland-Java air service, and Lieut. Kuppen's flight is in connection with that proposal.

Of interest is the fact that instead of keeping along the Persian Gulf line, Lieut. Kuppen struck across country, actually making a landing in Persia without experiencing any trouble.

The flier was met on arrival by the manager of the Java Sumatra Hotel Mats, Mr. K. Siasela.

H. C. G. the Governor, Sir Hugh Clifford, was one of the few present when the machine came to earth on the Racecourse, and Lieut. Kuppen was His Excellency's guest at dinner at Government House on Sunday evening.

The flight was continued this morning, at sunrise. The next stopping place will be Muntok, after which Lieut. Kuppen proceeds to Palembang and Batavia.

The flight from Holland to South Africa will, it is reported, be undertaken by Lieut. Kuppen in the near future.

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BLACK BALL.

RULE OBSERVED ON CHINA COAST.

AS A SIAM CRITIC SEES IT.

We have heard very few complaints regarding the operation of the black ball in Bangkok within recent years, but a China coast paper that came to hand this week, contains an account which shows that some clubs are still very particular regarding the quality of membership. There is nothing, of course, against the privilege of private clubs excluding any and all their ballot committees may deem unqualified for membership, nor can one assail the personal integrity of members who are called upon to "wield" the black ball. The caste system is as old as the hills. There are always tritons and minnows in the social as well as the intellectual worlds, and it was only the other day that we were reading in the "National Review" that it takes at least two generations to breed an English gentleman. It takes more in some places a little further East than Bangkok. After parading the name of the unfortunate victim of an "unqualified jury," the paper in question asks why any body should "assume the right socially to ostracise a fellow Britisher." For usually these constricted communities of foreign eastern ports provide but one central meeting point for the business men of the port and in many cases to deprive a man of the use of these rendezvous means not only his social but his business ruin. In the course of our journalistic peregrinations we have come across one or two cases of extremely nasty black balling, which have brought home to us the occasional bias of a self-constituted community, but, happily, we have been impelled to take issue with the conduct of semi-private social or athletic organisations. We have heard—but not in Siam—of candidates for Club membership being "pilled" without even a hearing. Such action has been taken sometimes on merely hearsay evidence—wild and impossible stories to which no sane business man would be expected to give credence. On the other hand, strangers have entered an eastern community—perhaps a China treaty port—and been accepted without question, not because they were more worthy than their less fortunate fellows, but merely because no one knew any "stories" about them.

The whole problem—if such it can be described—is not peculiar to the East or to foreign communities and is not confined to any one nationality. The caste, the colour or the clique system prevails to a large extent in the direction of all small and self-centred communities where to be kept "in the swim" men are compelled to ally themselves with vested interests with whom, perhaps, they have no common bond of intellect or ideal. It has to be done, however. In plain American, it is a business proposition. We hold no brief for society leaders. Admittedly there is great satisfaction in being regarded as high up in the world, but it is necessary in these days of wireless and air travel to move in a very small world in order to achieve it. To return to our ichthyological metaphor, it is better to be a triton among the minnows than a minnow among the tritons, but the chance for the minnow playing the triton is now gone even in the backwaters of the sea to say, "there are so many world. For as an old friend of ours streams of visitors pouring through these days that someone is bound to spot the minnow" and let out the secret about his pedigree—or of the father the farmer or of the uncle the country parson. In the good old days there was no such danger, for visitors were few and far between and a man could be as big as he cared to make himself."

From this angle he approached the white versus brown bread controversy, and declared himself—after fifty years' experience as a public health official—on the side of the angels and of white bread. One applauded inwardly hearing the truth that vitamins are far more mysterious and in calculable than food-fanatics seem to think. It was good to have this glorious show of magical machines and birthday cakes opened with a bold claim that to eat what you like and like what you eat is a policy which has the highest scientific justification—a

CAKE-BUILDERS.

A CRITIC AT THE BAKERS' SHOW.

WHITE BREAD CHAMPION.

Even those who consider that the Government should not have sent troops from India to Shanghai will, we are sure, be glad that the Brigade which went and which has now almost entirely returned to this country acquitted itself well, as is shown by our Simla correspondent's message. Accounts privately received indicate that the British and Indian troops of that Brigade made a great impression on the people of Shanghai. Soldiering under the conditions which they experienced has special difficulties, says the "Pioneer Mail." It demands qualities of discipline and demeanour which cannot be vouchsafed unless there is a perfect sense of military fitness and "esprit de corps." With those fine regiments, the Durham Light Infantry and the Gloucestershires, two typically excellent Indian infantry battalions, the 4/1st Punjab, formerly the 1st Brahmans, and the 3/14th Punjab, which were formerly the 2nd Punjabis, were associated, and it is not too much to say that with their fellow British soldiers—we must not forget to mention the admirable 16th Medium Battery from Muttra—they upheld the name of India in Shanghai in a manner which should earn for them the gratitude of all, not excepting those who were inclined to view their adventure with misgiving.

They were built like skyscrapers; they were hard, with fine clean lines like the best reinforced concrete structures of which the modernist architects are so proud; they were built in fine solid masses. They had a classic poise, thereby contrasted with the ornate effects—the broken line, the flying buttresses and Gothic mood of the wedding cakes. But they looked neither like sugar nor cake.

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Cawston pleaded not guilty, and reserved his defence. Bail in the sum of £1,000 was accepted.

The prosecution alleged that the fire was caused by a gas bracket being turned down, and at the previous hearing evidence was given of insurance policies on the building and its contents.

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He found next morning that the room had been cleared except for two garden seats.



THE SHOOTING STARS.

The enormous increase in the sport of deer hunting has resulted not in the vanishing of the deer but in the increase of deer. This is not as mysterious as it sounds. The more men penetrate the wilds the fewer wolves remain. The driving out of wolves has been the greatest factor in the increase of deer. But there is another factor almost as important as the increase of deer. The felling of the backwoods by an army of enlightened sportsmen has demanded a much stricter and more sporting regard for game laws than was the custom some years ago. Destroyers of deer whether human or animal, have to deal with a strong and more or less organized public opinion.

Good Hunting News. Reassuring news has been coming daily to the office of the general tourist department of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company from open atoms of camps, guides, outifters and others who report that all signs point to an unusually promising hunting season for the current year.

INDIAN TROOPS.

QUALITIES OF DISCIPLINE AND DEMEANOUR.

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Mike Bates sends down word from his camp at Metagama, Ontario, that if the hunters don't get their deer and moose this season they'll have nothing to blame but their poor shooting. He says that moose are very plentiful and expects it to be a great year in every way.

From Schreiber Ontario where John Handel, outfitter has been operating the reports are just as reassuring. Handel reports that the game has increased in the Superior Game Re-

ports turned in by guides of the Ogilvie Bros Camps on the Tobique River, N.B. are to the effect that deer, though very plentiful last season, are signs of much greater abundance. The same comes from A. D. Thomas at South Millford in the Kedronkoog district.

Living Sights.

Should you follow the deer with your sights or set your sights ahead of the deer and let him come on them?

Well, the army training which men

of overseas taught them to consider the second system the better. Lewis gunners firing on moving targets were taught to throw a burst ahead of the mark to see where it struck, and then let the target run the line of sight. This is to follow a jumping deer in all its excited movement is harder, probably, than trying to guess a spot the deer will pass—say an opening in the brush on which to have time to lay your sights sharp and true. For casual shooters to get a little practice with their rifles a method of letting the deer run on sights already set is regarded as the most successful.

Calling the Moose.

servs south of the C.P.R. line and the purple has crossed to the north of the tracks offering good hunting. He says that caribou are roaming the woods in increased numbers, and as the C.P.R. line is the north boundary of the game preserve hunters don't have to go very far for their quarry.

The news from Shetland's camp at Lake Penaga south west of Sudbury, Ont., has made the human year.

Deer here are reported to be very plentiful and sport should be excellent.



D'ye ken John Begg.
YE DON'T!
THEN GO TO
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Who will be pleased to supply your requirements.

ROMFORD MURDER.

SERVICE REVOLVER AND AMMUNITION FOUND.

London, September 30.

Further clues have cropped up in the murder at Romford, Essex, of Constable Gutteridge, which, at first sight promises to be one of the most baffling modern crimes.

A service revolver was found on the Thames' foreshore near Ham-marsmith Bridge.

Early on the day stated, the accused went into the complainant's house through an open window, with the object of committing a felony. The complainant heard footsteps in the hall, and opened her door, when to her astonishment she found a figure in the dark. She attempted to shriek, when the accused approached her, gagged her mouth, and then her up with a rope. Accused then demanded £200 for her release. After some moments complainant was able to remove the gag, and told the accused that she only had £5, which she would give him if he released her. The accused agreed to the sum and got away.

He was arrested by the watchman on October 10, when he again hovered around the house. The complainant being a British citizen, P. C. S. Campbell asked the Court to remand the case, when the British Deputy will be sitting.

Era of Efficiency.

Other engineers who were present at the lecture given by Mr. Hodgson agreed that the possibilities were well within the bounds of human endeavour, and that they presented the hope of a new era of amazing efficiency and ease.

While, according to the scientists, we are progressing rapidly towards the time when the world becomes its own generating station, we are undergoing some particularly interesting "domestic" changes.

Englishwomen, for example, are developing in size and physical structure, while Englishmen are standing still. They have reached the limit of their stature and strength. The women of Britain, on the other hand, are still growing.

Experiments which prove this were quoted by Professor F. G. Parsons, professor of anatomy at London University, in his presidential address to the anthropology section of the Association.

During the past twenty years the height of Englishmen has not increased. In the same space of time, however, the average height of English girls has increased by two inches.

The young Englishwoman of modern times is taller, stronger, and in every way a finer physical animal, of persons being a more polite word than the Englishwoman of the past.

SHANGHAI OUTRAGE.

EUROPEAN'S FORMER SERVANT ARRESTED.

The culprit who robbed Mrs. Gande, of 1 Thornbury Road, Shanghai, on September 22, was brought before Judge Young and Deputy Meinhardt at the Special Provisional Court on October 11. The case was remanded at the request of P. C. S. Campbell.

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INK AND ITS PLACE.

INFLUENCE ON OUR DAILY LIFE.

A little reflection will show that the dissemination of knowledge, the pursuit of pleasure, commercial development, and indeed the interchange of human activities in all their multitudinous phases depend, to a large extent, on one simple substance: ink. For both the present degree of intercourse and the record of past occurrences, which may be summed up in the one word experience, would be impossible without those conventional marks on paper, which printing and printing ink render possible. If that intercourse is to be untrammelled and that record clear, easy and permanent, it is obvious that considerable care must be taken to determine the best composition of the ink used, and to carry out its manufacture in such a way that it may completely fulfil the various conditions which may be imposed upon it. Ink is, of course, a substance, which is made in various forms, depending on whether it is to be used for writing, marking, type-writing or printing. Each form can also be made in various colours, so as to provide the necessary degree of emphasis, distinction or artistry. Of these, probably the most important are the inks used in printing, because, to be of any real value, they must possess the qualities both of clarity and permanence. Such inks are produced in great variety, and in the past were made chiefly from lamp black and linseed oil. The former substance has now become too expensive, and it has been displaced by resin black, soot, shale black and other mineral matters, aniline colours or iron or manganese compounds, while linseed and castor oils have also largely been displaced by tar oils and mineral oils. For good and medium quality ink, however, polymerised or boiled linseed oil is still used, together with resin oil, soap or resin soap and various pigments. Bitumen, asphalt or stearin pitch are also employed in admixture in some inks, particularly those used for rotary press work, as they improve the covering properties and prevent the ink piercing the paper.—"Engineering."

THE BREATH OF LIFE.

If you approached your neighbour on a cold winter's day and gravely informed him that his body was slowly burning away, he would probably eye you with grave concern. And if you further informed him that he now possessed entirely a different body to the one he had about five years ago, he would probably send for a policeman.

Nevertheless, both of these statements would be true. For every man, woman, beast, and bird that inhabits this earth is slowly passing away into the invisible products of slow combustion, and it is this combustion which promotes the warmth in their bodies. Furthermore, in the space of about five years, their whole bodies may be entirely consumed and re-built again, without any visible change whatsoever.

These remarkable events are brought about by the oxygen in the air we breathe.

Oxygen gas is very like air in appearance, and when inhaled little difference is noticeable. It is usually prepared by heating potassium chlorate, although many other compounds give it off on heating, such as red lead, mercuric oxide, &c. When different substances are burnt in oxygen, a dazzling light and a great heat are forthcoming. There are various substances, too, which will burn in oxygen and not in air, and a favourite example of this is a steel watch spring, which burns brilliantly, throwing out sparks.

One of the most important uses for which oxygen is prepared is in poisonous atmospheres, such as exist in sewers, cellars, coal mines, caves, &c. The oxygen is compressed in steel cylinders and streams slowly out into an indiarubber bag, whence tubes convey it to the mouth. The carbon dioxide breathed out is absorbed by caustic soda placed in the bag. Armed with such equipment as this, men can work without harm for hours in poisonous atmospheres. Divers, too, very often carry supplies of it, as do airmen who ascend to great heights where it is difficult to breathe. Oxygen, too, is invaluable in relieving cases of distressed breathing, exhaustion, fainting, &c., often caused by lack of it.

Oxygen is said to form 47.3 per cent. of the earth's crust, and the millions of tons of rock which make up the mighty cliffs and mountain ranges of the world are nearly half oxygen by weight. In the four winds of heaven are contained enormous quantities of it, and larger still is the amount contained in the mighty seas that encompass the earth. Thus plentiful supplies of this life-preserving element are perpetually insured.—J. F. St. B. Barclay.

FOOD PRESERVATION

WORK OF THE RESEARCH BOARD.

As the world gets more people to feed and resolves increasingly to feed them better, it becomes of growing importance that the mechanism of preservative processes should be better understood, and some eight years ago the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research set up its Food Investigation Board, the last annual report of which for the years 1925 and 1926 is the occasion of these observations (H.M. Stationery Office; 2s. 6d. net). The present membership of the Board illustrates aptly the wide circle of the sciences which have been called in aid of its investigations, including as it does Sir Alfred Ewing, the Chairman of the Engineering Co-ordinating Board, and Sir Richard Threlfall, the Chairman of the Fuel Research Board. As the report points out, physiology and pathology, biophysics, biochemistry and pure physics have already furnished many essential data for the studies the Board had to undertake on its appointment. Between the phenomena and theories described in these pure sciences, however, and the practice of food preservation there were many lacunae to be filled before the problems of practice could be solved, and though already much gratifying success has been recorded, a great deal still remains to be done. The results already obtained have appeared sufficiently encouraging to the members of the Imperial Economic Committee to induce the Empire Marketing Board, established to act as the Committee's executive body, to offer the Research Department the sum of 25,000 for the purpose of increasing size of the Low-Temperature Research Station, and 5,000 a year for five years to meet the increased maintenance charges. In addition to its primary investigations into the many scientific questions involved, special investigations are undertaken for outside bodies, if of sufficient general interest, and in this way the Board appears to be kept in touch with the practical as well as the scientific questions that should be studied.

A laboratory has also been established at Covent Garden Market, in which the conditions of produce after transport and storage will be studied, and a survey made of the sources of wastage and depreciation arising respectively in the orchard and packing and in the conditions of transport and storage. Similar action in respect to fish will have to be postponed until it is possible to erect a small research station at a fishing port, though in the mean while some special studies are being made in regard to methods of freezing particular kinds of fish, and a survey of the problems that should be attacked when opportunity offers, including by-products, such as fish meals, oils, etc. In addition to the work of the Board's own stations, a number of important investigations have been made at the National Physical Laboratory into methods and data required for measuring essential physical quantities in various processes of preservation.—"Engineering."

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POISON PEN.

BARRISTER'S ADVICE ON UNSIGNED LETTERS.

London, Sept. 8.—"The best thing that any one can do with an anonymous letter is to burn it right away, and think no more of it," said a famous barrister to a "Daily Express" representative yesterday.

The case of the dead couple found at Brockenhurst is only one of many tragedies disclosed recently in which anonymous letters have had a distinct influence on the recipients.

"It takes great strength of mind to ignore these things," said the barrister. "Most recipients of such letters unfortunately do not take this course."

Cowardly."

"The sending of an anonymous letter itself is not a punishable offence. Even if the sender is discovered, he has committed no crime in sending it. It is the libel which the letter so often contains which can result in punishment. It is a most cowardly and dastardly thing to send any one an anonymous letter."

"Many divorce court cases can be traced back to some anonymous letter that has been sent to a husband or wife concerning the behaviour of the other partner.

"Claims that the letters have been sent out of kindness and without malice are occasionally justifiable to a certain extent, but there is always a trace of jealousy to be found."

"It is because so few people will admit that they are jealous that they send their letters out in disguise, with a changed handwriting that no one can recognise, and without a signature."

REINCARNATION CLAIM.

"MRS. EDDY'S SPIRIT IN THE BODY OF A GIRL."

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EVIL SPIRITS.

"CURE" BY BURNING P450.

A unique swindling case, involving a complicated version of the old "green goods" game, led to the arrest in Manila of Gabriel Valentin y Daluz, alias Gabriel V. Daluz, of 13 Calle Gregorio del Pilar, Singalong sub-division.

According to the police investigation, Gabriel attempted to swindle Mrs. Arsenia Enriquez, of 308 Espana. Learning that a member of her family was ill, the alleged charlatan offered to rid her house of evil spirits. He outlined a "cure" which called for the burning of P450; dissolving the ashes in water and sprinkling "infected" places of the house.

Mrs. Enriquez furnished the P450 wrapped in a piece of Chinese paper. Gabriel took the package and appeared to drop it into an open charcoal fire. The police arrived shortly after and "frisked" Gabriel. An envelope containing the supposed burnt offering was brought to light and will be used as evidence against Gabriel. It is claimed that during a "prayer" made at the charcoals altar the spirit doctor "palmed" the money and substituted another package.

It was disclosed that the accused was the mother-in-law of Dean Maximo Kalaw of the University of the Philippines. His method at that time was different and dealt with an alleged gold mine. It is reported that he made a haul of P8,000 from the Dean's mother-in-law.

Gabriel Valentin travelled extensively in the British Colonies for 37 years. He appears well acquainted with Singapore, Australia, New Guinea and other places. It is alleged that he picked up a smattering of sleight-of-hand and other tricks useful to his profession while journeying in the far places. He arrived in Manila in 1922. During his residence here he has purchased two strong material houses valued at P8,000 and a piece of land worth P2,000.—"Manila Times."

DEADLY CHARMS.

They call her Della Donna—the Fair Lady of the World—and so she is (writes "A Countryman" in the London "Evening News"). But beware of her! Admire her at a little distance, if you will, for when she blossoms forth in all her splendour she is beautiful enough. But do not embrace her; above all, refuse the gifts she offers you at this season of the year, bright and tempting though they be.

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FAIRY "POT HOLE."

TOUR BY MEMBERS OF THE
B.A.

A ROUND OF THE ABBEYS.

Leeds, Sept. 3.
Taking a rest from the whirl of papers and discussions, members of the British Association now meeting in Leeds spent to-day in a number of attractive excursions to places in Yorkshire of archaeological, literary, or geological interest.

To one of the outings in particular the term thrilling is more applicable. A number of young men, many of them students of geology, descended Gaping Ghyll at Ingelborough, the most famous "pot hole," as it is called, to be found in England, having no superior in its savage grandeur. This expedition, which was directed by the Yorkshire Ramblers' Club under leadership of Mr. Walter Parsons, entailed a full day of strenuous toil. Another party is to go down to-morrow, the numbers being restricted on each occasion to sixteen owing to the time taken in rope-ladder work and other difficulties.

Those making the adventure took with them any sort of old clothes, and changed on the spot in a tent provided for the occasion. Each man was lowered down the main shaft, about 400 feet, in a sort of bosun's chair, attached to a windlass, worked by a petrol engine. Forty feet down a stream pours itself into the huge cavern below, and the descent is made through the actual water of the fall, the members of the expedition being covered by protective tarpaulins.

The main cavern, over which their eyes roamed, is big enough to contain the great edifice of York Minster, and the impression it gives is eerie and wonderful. From the sides of the cavern there radiate passages, which in turn lead to a range of subsidiary caverns containing stalactites and stalagmites by the thousand. Several hours were spent in traversing the underground labyrinths.

The water from Gaping Ghyll, as is well known to those who have studied the subject, flows to Clapham Cave by ways not yet explored. Search has been arrested hitherto by an underground lake, but the visitors to-day learnt that should it ever be possible to work through from Clapham Cave to Gaping Ghyll, the excursion would be quite the star turn of cave work in England.

The Abbeys.
There were many excursions of a less special type of which the Abbey ruins in Yorkshire were among the most popular: Bolton Priory, for example, Fountains, and the North Yorkshire ones of Rievaulx, Byland, and Ampleforth, which last tour proved the most attractive of all.

The Abbot of Ampleforth entertained a party of eighty, which drove over in charabancs from York. Ampleforth is now one of the Catholic Public Schools of England. It houses fifty monks and 300 boys, and near by is a preparatory school for fifty boys. The hillside has become a wood, with shady paths and a high terrace looking out over the trees away to

the Pennines. The Abbey church is the mature work of Gilbert Scott, and is described as being as inspiring a departure from the usual styles as was Bentley's great effort at Westminster.

On the return journey the party passed through Sutton-in-the-Forest, where Laurence Sterne farmed his glebe with little profit. "Cure on farming," he exclaimed. "I will try if the pen will not succeed better than the plough." The result was "Tristram Shandy."

A Turner Treasure-House.

About a hundred members were the guests of Major Fawkes at Farnley Hall, Otley, a treasure-house of Turner's paintings, for it was in Wharfedale and when he was the guest of the owner of Farnley that Turner did his best work. It is here kept, as Ruskin puts it, "like a monument in a shrine."

The Harrogate Corporation also entertained a hundred members, who were driven round to all the points of interest at this health resort. Others went to Ilkley, York, Selby Abbey, Wensleydale, Haworth associated with the memory of Charlotte Bronte), and to Ingleborough and Whernside. Lady Lawson Tancred had fifty guests to see the Roman remains at Aldborough and the famous "Devil's Arrows" of standing stones near Boroughbridge. It was a day of glorious sunshine.—Observer.

CHINESE COURAGE.

TESTIMONY COMES FROM
MALAYA.

Writing to the "Malay Mail," a contributor says:—To say that all the Chinese in Malaya are afraid to face the secret society menace is far from correct. I can remember a case in Penang a good many years ago when a well-known Towkay treated it with absolute contempt and came to no harm then or since. It was at the time when the Colonial Government had just introduced legislation for the registration of schools, which was bitterly opposed in certain quarters, and a Singapore Chinese member of the Legislative Council wrote to a fellow clansman in Penang, who was then managing director of a company which owned a newspaper, asking him to say in these journals that the Bill would not injure Straits Chinese interests and stating that his (the legislator's) family, who were then in Malacca, had been threatened with personal violence if he voted for it. The Towkay sought the assistance of the present writer in replying to this letter and said, "Tell him not to be afraid." This, it was pointed out to him, was cold comfort.

"Oh," he replied, "last week two men stopped my ricksha late at night when I was leaving office and told me I would be killed if my papers did not oppose this Bill." "What did you do Towkay?" "I told them in Chinese not to be bally fools and drove on."

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DRAMA IN SKYSCRAPER.

THREE MEN KILLED BY A
CRAZED MAN.

Three deaths have occurred at the result of a murderous affray in a lawyer's office, which has provided New York with another "frontpage sensation."

According to the story pieced together by the police a crazed man, obsessed with the idea that he had been tricked in a petty real estate deal where the sum in dispute was only \$100, suddenly opened fire with a revolver during a conference at his lawyer's office in Forty-Fourth Street on September 6.

Three Dead.

When he ran out of the office and escaped a few moments later two men lay dead, and a third was wounded so badly that he died later.

One of the victims was the man's own lawyer; the other two were a real estate broker and his legal adviser.

This strange crime is made even more extraordinary by the fact that the lawyer in whose office it occurred was found crushed on the pavement nine storeys below his office window. It is surmised by the police that he either jumped out of the window in a panic-stricken attempt to escape the slayer's bullets, or crawled out on the window ledge and was pushed off.

Struck by the Body.

Two men in the street were struck by the body as it hurtled through the air, and one was taken to hospital unconscious with a fractured spine.

Late at night a man wanted in connection with the affair surrendered to the police.

A native of Skye, Archie McDonald, was remanded by the Portland magistrates on a charge of stealing a pilot cutter, the property of a Portland pilot. McDonald, when caught, had hoisted the main sail and said he was going to sail to China.

Admitting that she set fire to her bed to "spite her mistress" because she had given her too much work, Elsie Finaman asked at the Old Bailey to be sent back to Canada. It was stated that she was the daughter of a Hong Kong policeman, and that after her father's death she had been brought up in Dr. Barnardo's Homes and sent to Canada.

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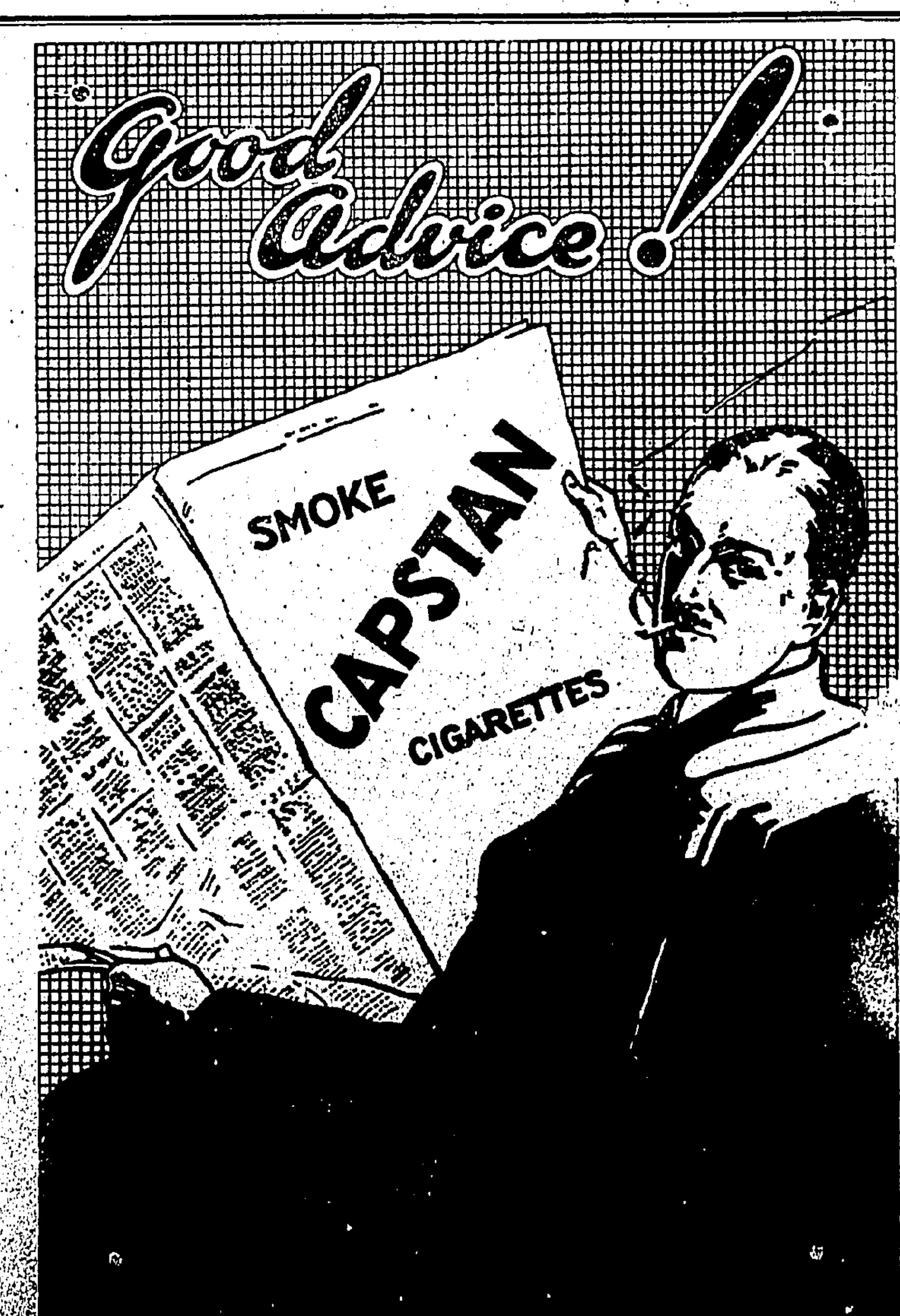
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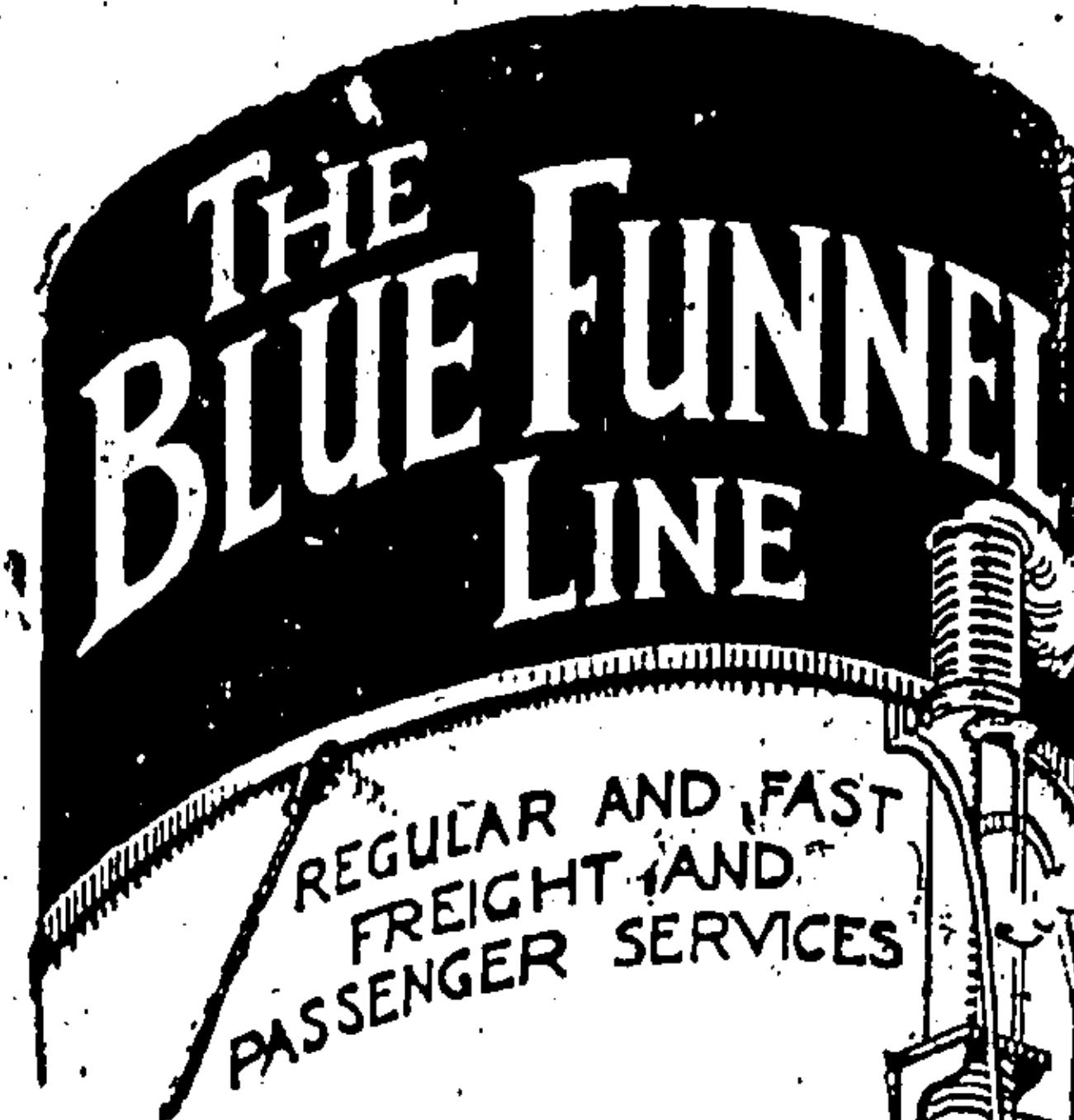
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From	THURSDAY, OCTOBER	Per
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Shanghai	21	Nagpore.
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER	22	
Europe via Negapatam (papers only London 22nd Sept.)		Kutsang.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, & Shanghai		Tenyo Maru.
MONDAY, OCTOBER	24	Pres. McKinley.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, & Shanghai		Pres. Van Buren.
Manila	25	Emp. of Russia.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER	28	
Shanghai		Kashmir.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER	30	Pres. Jefferson.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai		

OUTWARD MAIIS.

For	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER	Per
Shanghai	19	Soochow..... 3.30 p.m.
Straits		Ceylon Maru..... 3.30 p.m.
Samshui & Wuchow		Kong Ning..... 4.30 p.m.
Saigon		Product..... 4.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER	20	
Japan		Dell Maru..... 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow		
Shanghai		
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Saturday, OCTOBER	21	
Japan		Mishima Maru..... 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		Sarpedon..... 10.30 a.m.
Swatow		Halway..... Noon
Straits		Siklangu..... 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER	21	
Japan		Ho Sang.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		Tisondari..... 2.30 p.m.
Swatow		Hydrangea..... 2.30 p.m.
Straits		Chung Kong..... 3.30 p.m.
Amoy		Nagpore..... 3.30 p.m.
Sunday, OCTOBER	22	
Manila		Kashima Maru.
Hamburg		Emil Kirdorf..... 1.30 p.m.
Amoy		Kutsang..... 5 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		Shantung..... 5 p.m.
Sunday, OCTOBER	23	
Bangkok via Swatow		Klangau..... 8.30 a.m.
Amoy		Kingyuan..... 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow		Hoza Maru..... 9 a.m.
MONDAY, OCTOBER	24	
Manila		Pres. Van Buren..... 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER	25	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow		Hai Hong..... Noon
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FREIGHT WAR.

African Ship Owners and Wood Buyers.

GOVT. STEPS IN.

Union Castle Line's Illegal Offer Of Rebate.

Cape Town, Yesterday.

An acute stage has been reached in the freight war which broke out last April between the Conference Lines, of which the Union Castle is the leading member, and the British and Continental South African line, headed by Sir Robert Thomas, M.P. This was due to the Union Castle offering to grant shippers of wool and similar produce a rebate of 15 per cent. on current rates provided they exclusively used Conference steamers.

The wool buyers met at Port Elizabeth and strongly condemned the Conference tactics. A repercussion of events was felt at Roubaix, France, where wool importing interests refused to sign contracts with the Conference Lines.

The Union Government has now intimated that the Union Castle's offer of a 15 per cent. discount is a breach of law and violates the terms of the Government mail contract with the company and threatens the possibility of giving a year's notice to terminate the contract unless the offer is withdrawn; also to enforce the existing legislation enabling a differentiation in harbour charges. It is surmised that the latter would consist of a surcharge equivalent to the discount offered on the shipments concerned.—Reuter.

FLAG DISPUTE.

BITTERNESS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

DEBATE OPENS.

Cape Town, Yesterday.

The momentous debate on the Flag Bill opened in the Assembly with General Hertzog moving resolutions, of which he had given notice, appropriating private members' days and providing night sittings thrice weekly as evidence of the Government's determination that the Flag Bill and also the contentious Iron and Steel Bill and the Precious Stones Bill will become law before the end of the year.

All the Bills have been read a first time despite vigorous protests of the Opposition, headed by General Smuts, who declares that General Hertzog's motions violated the rights of Parliament.

Mr. Malan, Minister of the Interior, intimated that no concessions on the Flag Bill would be made in the Assembly but that General Smuts would have an opportunity in the Senate where he had a majority, and that any reasonable proposals, with a view to agreement, would be seriously considered by the Government.

Anticipations of a stormy period illustrated by uncompromising partisanship, was displayed in all three bills, the most noteworthy being the Iron, Steel, and Diamond Bills which passed the Assembly last session but were rejected by the Senate. The first seeks to establish a South African Metal Industry under Government auspices; the second empowers Government to regulate the production of diamonds according to market conditions, but both are overshadowed by the Flag Bill which threatens a serious cleavage on racial as opposed to Party lines.—Reuter.

BIG STEEL MERGER.

OVER 60 AMERICAN MILLS CONCERNED.

Youngstown (Ohio), Yesterday. A twenty million dollar merger of steel and tinplate companies in Northern Ohio is announced. This brings together 61 sheet mills, producing half a million tons annually, with a diversity of products, including full finished sheets for automobiles.—Reuter's American Service.

Six tons of Surplus Army Cordite will be burnt at Stonecutters Range, Stonecutters Island, on Thursday next, 20th Inst., by the Imperial Ordnance Office.

ANTI-SEMITISM.

Cause Celebre Opens In Paris.

ECHO OF STREET MURDER.

Ex-Russian Jew Who Shot Ukraine To Death.

Paris, Yesterday.

Alleged anti-Semitism is the chief issue in the cause celebre opened in a crowded court at the Seine Assizes. A Russian Jew, now a naturalised Frenchman, named Schwarzbart, is charged with murdering Petrus Hetman, a Ukraine, in the street in Paris in May 1926, when he shot him down remorselessly, firing seven shots with an automatic.

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The prosecution contend that Petrus did his best to prevent pogroms and allege that Schwarzbart is a tool of Moscow.

At the Schwarzbart trial it is proposed to call a host of witness, including Professor Einstein and Maxim Gorky, Russian, Ukrainian and Yiddish interpreters have been retained in view of the polyglot character of the witnesses.

Schwarzbart, replying to the President, who pointed out it was said that Petrus was a friend of the Jews, declared that Petrus was as fond of Jews as Haman Titus when he sent them to Heaven. He ordered pogroms then, like Pontius Pilate, he washed his hands of them.

It was mentioned that Schwarzbart won the Croix de Guerre fighting in the French Foreign Legion in the war. The police testified that his conduct in Paris after the war was irreproachable. He was sentenced to four months' imprisonment in Vienna 1908 as an Anarchist but denied he ever served in the Red Russian army.—Reuter.

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Oslo, Yesterday. A Labour gain of ten seats, chiefly at the expense of the Conservatives and Communists, is expected as the result of the elections for the Storting, which were conducted on the Proportional Representation system. The Norwegian Labour Party, with which the Socialists united last year, stands outside of both "Internationals."

Conservatives and Liberals have been generally co-operating in the elections.—Reuter.

The results of the elections so far to show that the Conservatives have lost 19 seats while Labour has gained 20. A number of results are outstanding.—Reuter.

FLYING BOAT TOUR.

FLOTILLA ARRIVES IN FRANCE.

London, Yesterday. The Four Royal Air Force flying boats which arrived at Hounslow airfield yesterday afternoon after the first stage of the 25,000 miles cruise to the Far East had an excellent journey without incident. They were given an enthusiastic welcome and were the guests of honour last night of the French naval and military officers. The journey is being continued on Wednesday across land to Marseilles. The flight will continue to India via the Suez Canal and Persian Gulf.—British Wireless Service.

BIG STEEL MERGER.

ALLIES COMMENCE TO REDUCE.

London, Yesterday. In accordance with the Allies' decision to reduce the Army of Occupation in the Rhineland, the first Battalion of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry has left Langenselk, Walbach, for Parkhurst, Isle of Wight.—Reuter.

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INDUSTRIAL PEACE.

Capital and Labour Meet.

LONDON CONFERENCE.

Series of Confabs To Seek Better Relationship.

London, Yesterday.

A meeting of representatives of capital and labour which was held yesterday in London under the presidency of the Lord Mayor to discuss informally the question of industrial peace was of a stimulating character. On both sides speeches were made favouring better relations between employers and employed.

They included a suitable contribution by Sir Alfred Mond, head of the big chemical combine. He urged the establishment of a league of industrial peace on the same lines as the League of Nations. It is now announced that this meeting is to be followed by a larger conference of captains of industry and trade union representatives, and that Sir A. Mond will probably preside. It is hoped that the exchange of views at the conference may result in some steps being taken towards establishing the suggested league of industrial peace.

It is understood Sir Josiah Stamp, President of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, whose plea for co-operation has led to several important conferences between the railway trade union leaders and those engaged in directing railway policy, will attend. The coal owners will send a representative and so will other important industries. Railway, mining, steel and other trade unions will send delegates.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday. The "Diplomatic Conference" at Geneva mentioned earlier is the outcome of the World Economic Conference of six months ago at which was passed a series of resolutions dealing with impediments to international trade, but the decisions were of no executive force.

The present conference aims at giving them practical effect by drafting a convention providing, with reservations, for the abolition of prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports. The Conference will not deal with tariffs at this stage, but will first tackle the disorganisation of markets owing to the many hampering restrictions that have grown up after the war.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday. The International Conference on trade barriers concluded with a general discussion of a preliminary draft agreement prepared by the League's economic committee. The consensus of opinion favoured the adoption of a convention for the abolition of import and export prohibitions and restrictions.

The first article of the draft agreement provides subject to certain exceptions that the contracting states will undertake within six months to abolish all such prohibitions and restrictions.—Reuter.

TURKISH OIL.

NOT READY TO TAKE SUPPLY.

London, Yesterday. Sir Adam Ritchie, general manager of the Turkish Petroleum Company, informs Reuter that the new oil well at Kirkuk had to be closed owing to the absence of transport. Nothing could be done till a pipeline had been fixed to a convenient seaboard, probably the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

Sydney, Yesterday. A new nationalist Ministry has been formed in New South Wales with Mr. Haydn as Premier and Treasurer and Mr. Royle as Attorney-General. Reuter.

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